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Mr. Jena Cuthbert Collier,
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Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Your interesting letter of the 2d inst. was received yesterday. I am sorry to say that my branch of the family is of a much later importation to this country than your side. I came to Colorado with my father's family from Inverness, Scotland, in 1871.

D. C. Collier, whom you mentioned, is a grandson of William Collier, an uncle of my father. William Collier and his brother, George, came to this country in 1817, leaving families that have scattered all over the United States. We have relatives in New York, Ohio, Oregon, California, and Texas, to my knowledge.

Another uncle, at a slightly later date, went to Australia, where there is a considerable family now living.

I have at home a long account of the family of the Earl of Portmore, who was regarded when living as the head of the Collier family. My father's family settled in Scotland during the eighteenth century, but I have never given the matter any attention, and so have let slip the opportunity to secure accurate information as to the history of my ancestors.

The first opportunity I get, I will have this information concerning the English and Scottish end of the family copied and sent to you. The name is French, and the account I refer to goes on to state that the head of the family, by name of Robertson, went to Holland, where he assumed the name of Collier in connection with his own, his son dropping the first half of the name and retaining "Collier",---and so the

inference would be that this is the beginning of the family in England and Scotland.

There are several Colliers in Denver and vicinity,---only one of whom I have met, however, and that only once, outside of my own family.

A brother of D. C. Collier, of San Diego (who by the way, was born in Colorado) was recently appointed to the Superior Bench in Los Angeles,---a young lawyer of high standing.

Another section of the family has had their headquarters at Eugene, Oregon, where Professor George Collier taught in the State University for about forty years.

I do not think that we can in any way claim any direct relationship with any of the family who came to this country before 1817.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

Robert Collier

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